

Historic Harpers Ferry May Rival Saratoga

Largest Pool Room South of New York Will Be Operated in West Virginia Town Early Next Month.

The biggest poolroom in operation south of New York will open up at Harpers Ferry early next month. The resort, it is said, will be equipped with all modern paraphernalia known to the racing game and for the speedy handling of racing information from race courses in the United States and Canada.

It was intended to begin operations at the new pool room tomorrow, New Year Day, but a few unexpected obstacles sprang up that required legal talent to overcome and necessitated a postponement. This has now been set aside. The petition for opening up the game in the West Virginia town was laid before the town council Friday night and was reported favorably.

May Be Approved.

Yesterday afternoon such action on the part of the town officials was transmitted to County Judge E. Boyd Faulkner at Martinsburg. His decision is expected to be rendered in a few days. It was said at Harpers Ferry last night that all indications pointed to Judge Faulkner's approval of the plan. This would mean that the resort would be ready and doing business before many days.

The promoters back of the game have gained the co-operation of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in opening the pool room. It was said at the offices of the road yesterday that all arrangements for a special race train schedule, effective tomorrow, had been decided upon, but in view of the uncertainty at the pool room opening it was decided that for the present the schedule would not be put into effect.

The schedule scheme in its entirety, however, has not been abandoned, but will become effective when the judge of

the circuit court hands down his decision.

Look to Washington.

Washington's horse racing element is counted on to form a large part of the patrons of the game and rapid transportation facilities is considered to be the most essential thing in their favor. According to the schedule the run from Washington to Harpers Ferry would be made in forty-five minutes. The fare proposed to be charged is \$1 for the round trip.

This program would get the clientele to the pool room about 30 minutes before the first race was run at New Orleans, and would give the crowd ample time to study form charts before getting down their bets.

Hill at Helm.

It is generally understood that James M. Hill, "Ho, It is claimed, operated the "Old Dominion Telegraph Company" at St. Asaph, and the subsequent "Maryland Telegraph Company" at Kenilworth, is financing this project. His chief lieutenant in the game, Arthur Wall, it is said, will have nothing whatever to do with this new pool room. Charles Colliflower, who has the reputation of being an expert race track ticket writer, and who was associated with Mr. Hill at St. Asaph, will be the manager of the big pool room.

Over what service the pool room will get its racing information is not known, but it is expected the "David B. Mitchell Racing Bureau, of New York," will furnish the "news." The promoters, however, have said that they would have the most complete racing service available at the resort, and that when the stamp of official approval was gained to the petition the patrons would have nothing to fear in patronizing their "club house."

STEAMER BEACHED IN NEW YORK BAY

Smacked Into Scow and Captain Ran Vessel Ashore to Prevent Her From Sinking.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Dutch steamer J. B. Aug Kessler, bound to this city from Port Natal, was beached tonight off the north bank light, in lower New York bay, the result of a collision. After the Kessler had passed in Sandy Hook and was proceeding up the bay to quarantine, a heavily laden scow, in tow of the tug Dubois, was swerved out of its course by the high wind and rough sea, and the steamer smashed into it. The accident occurred so suddenly that the commander of the Kessler did not have time to change his course or reverse his engines.

Several of the bow plates of the steamer were broken and a number of others were loosened, and the water rushed into the hold so rapidly that the captain decided to beach his vessel to prevent her from sinking.

FIRE EXTINGUISHED AFTER TWO YEARS' FIGHT

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 30.—The Enterprise Colliery, owned by W. L. Connell & Co., Scranton, which caught fire two years ago, was today officially declared extinguished. Operations will be resumed next spring, when work will be given to between 600 and 700 employees.

DINNER FOR POOR.

The Central Union Mission will serve the regular New Year dinner to the poor Monday, from 1 to 4 p. m. From 1 to 9:30 p. m. the mission will be open to friends and workers, and tickets for the dinner will be distributed in the auditorium at the noon hour.

Evangelistic services will be held during the afternoon and evening, with a change of leaders each hour.

Small's Flowers for New Year.

J. H. Small & sons, 14th & G. Washington; Waldorf-Astoria and 1153 B'dway, N. Y.

WINDSTORM DEMOLISHES CUMBERLAND BUILDINGS

Terrific Gale Destroys Property—Blows Wires Across Tracks and Holds Up Trains.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 30.—A wind storm, which struck here last night has continued with unabated fury throughout the day. Much damage has been done in the southern section of the city. Buildings have been razed and wires blown down, crippling the telephone service.

Wires were blown across the Baltimore and Ohio tracks until trains had to be held up pending the removal of the obstruction. Reports from the surrounding territory are to the effect that the public highways are blocked by trees piled across the roads. In many sections the storm broke all records for severity.

ENGLISH NOBLEMAN ROBBED IN KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30.—Byron R. White, of London, England, who says he is the son of Sir Thomas R. White, member of parliament, reported today that he had been robbed of money and jewelry valued at \$5,000 on a train, somewhere between Detroit and Kansas City, Wednesday night.

KILLED FOR REFUSING TO PAY TEN-CENT FARE

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Robert Lane, who was shot by Policeman John Howery in a fight Saturday evening on a Chesapeake and Ohio train because he and his brother had refused to pay 10 cents for a chair in the car, is dead.

His brother Henry is dangerously wounded.

Start the New Year at The Drillery, Shortland and Typewriting, 1100 N. Y. ave.

LIEUTENANT OTIS' WIFE FAILS TO FIND HUSBAND

Still No Trace of Army Officer Who Disappeared Mysteriously From New York.

JUNCTION CITY, Kan., Dec. 30.—After weeks of fruitless search in which no trace of her husband has been found, the wife of First Lieut. Frank I. Otis, Fourth Cavalry, has returned to relatives here.

Lieutenant Otis was undergoing treatment in New York for nervous ailments about three months ago. He partly recovered and was ordered back to his post at the Presidio at San Francisco. Since that time neither his family nor the army authorities have heard from him.

According to army regulations, an officer who does not report within three months becomes a deserter. Otis will have been absent three months tomorrow.

PROVIDES FOR PETS IN HER TESTAMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A bequest of \$15,000 for the care of her pet dog, parrots and a cage of love birds, is contained in the will of Cecelia A. Wolsey, formerly a vaudeville performer under the stage name of Lillian Weston. Miss Wolsey died a week ago and her will was opened today.

Mrs. Harriet E. Gates, a friend, is charged with expending the \$15,000 for the care of the pets. At Mrs. Gates' death the remainder of the fund is to go to the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to care for Miss Wolsey's pets if they survive, and, if not, for the care of other homeless animals.

Flowers for Receptions.

Trust Guide to fill any order to your absolute satisfaction. 1214 F.

Would Publish Stories Of Champagne Suppers

Dr. Hirsch, in New Year Address, Declares Against Dinners for Chorus Girls at the Expense of Some Millionaire.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—"When young millionaires give champagne suppers to chorus girls and drink out of the latter's shoes I believe in the newspapers printing a full account of the affair," said Dr. Emil G. Hirsch in a New Year address at Temple Israel last evening.

"Formerly those who were not afraid of the police were afraid of the devil, but now people think the devil can be fooled by a good lawyer and the only things which replace the gentle ministrations of his Satanic majesty are the newspapers. I believe in the purifying effects of the light and air of publicity.

"The high school boy of today knows more than God Almighty himself, for doesn't he study chemistry, and geology? He knows that the Lord knows nothing about the first principles of geology, for his professor tells him that it took at least 6,000,000 years to make the earth alone and yet the Lord says that the

entire universe was turned out in six days.

"It's the minister's business to know all about the hereafter, not to make people feel uncomfortable with insolent questions of such a personal nature. The rabbi is supposed to be an expert on the geography and prospectus of the Kingdom of Heaven; he must be able to tell you whether they have municipal ownership in the Golden City, or whether a franchise with a ninety-nine year clause is obtainable at a reasonable figure. He is expected to know if any Adam can be made by which lower rates cannot be obtained for entrance through the Pearly Gates.

"The coming of a new era of religion is to be seen on the heights and those in the valley are praying that it may mean a saner consideration of needs of today and less worry about the past or speculation about the future."

SARAH BERNHARDT WILL ARRIVE TODAY

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt and her large company will arrive in the city this afternoon on her special train for the week's engagement in repertoire at the Belasco Theater.

The train is scheduled to arrive from Baltimore at 3:15 at the Baltimore and Ohio Station, instead of at the Sixth Street Station, as had been announced.

To Pinehurst, N. C., in Parlor Cars, Via Southern Railway without change. Reduced fares weekdays 10:21 a. m. Southern Railway dining car service—Adv.

NEW RAILROAD TO VIRGINIA COAL FIELDS

ELKINS, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Regular service over the newly constructed railroad from here to Charleston, W. Va., will begin New Year Day. The road was built to afford access to the central West Virginia coal fields. It connects here with the Western Maryland road for the East, making a new east and west route.

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25, Baltimore and Ohio R. R. every Saturday and Sunday. All trains both ways, both days, except Royal Limited. "Hourly Service" week days.

Sale John S. Brown Sons' warehouse samples fine linens at one-third and one-half under regular prices begins here Tuesday.

Sale prices are actually less than cost to make and land in this country. They are the finest linens in the world. This sale embraces thousands of pieces—one of a kind mostly. This is a chance to fill linen closets with the most exclusive linens at bargain prices. SEE DETAILS IN TODAY'S POST AND STAR.

Store closed all day tomorrow, January 1, 1906

These goods on sale Tuesday

S. KANN & SONS & CO.
8th St. & PA. AVE.
"THE BUSY CORNER"

Opening gun—in white goods=20c pin dot swiss=12½c yd

Just a little over 5,000 yards—we'll be surprised if there is a yard left for Wednesday buyers. This is the same fine pin dot swiss that we had last year—good strong body and small well-made dots. It's well to anticipate the need of these.

These reductions on fine suits make the greatest bargains this section has ever offered

\$25.00 to \$32.50 suits now

In this lot will be found fine broadcloths, fancy mixtures, rough and smooth chevrons in 50-inch coat or Eton styles, neatly trimmed in braids, velvets, stitched silk, &c. Many of these garments are full silk lined, some satin lined. Handsome, full, stylish skirts. **\$18.90**

\$35.00 and \$37.50 suits now

In this lot we have jacket suits; box coats, full or semi-fitted backs; long 50-inch coat suits; Etons, plain or with fancy vest effects. All finely tailored. Stylish flare or pleated skirts. **\$22.50**

\$40.00 to \$49.50 suits now

In this lot the handsomest suits shown this season—fancy Etons, with or without vest effects; beautifully trimmed. Also full length coat suits, made of finest French broadcloths, serges, chevrons, and novelty mixtures. All richly lined in silk. The values in this lot are positively the best we have ever offered. **\$29.50**

Domestic bargains Sheets and cases

Every one of standard make—New York Mills brand and bearing the mills' own trademark. We could not replace a single lot at the price named below.

SHEETS—
81x90, worth 69c, special.....57c
72x90, worth 55c, special.....55c
64x90, worth 59c, special.....49c

CASES—
45x36, worth 18c, special.....12½c

CAMBRIC—
One case of genuine Lonsdale cambric, 12½c grade. Special, per yard.....9½c

LONG CLOTH—
Finest Bleach Nainsook Long Cloth; 36-inch long fold, especially adapted for fine undergarments. Regular 15c value. Special per yard.....9½c

First floor—D st. Annex.

Notions

King's Cotton Batting, Tuesday for.....10c

Velvet Grip Hose Supporters, black or white, Tuesday.....10c

Fortoise Brand Shell Hair Pins, were 25c box, Tuesday.....20c

Back Combs and a few Side Combs, shell color only. Were 10c and 15c. Tuesday choice, 5c

Mattings

50 rolls best 200 Warp Japanese Jointless Cotton Woven Mattings, all carpet patterns; only one roll of forty yards, making this lot of 4000 pieces. Worth \$12 per roll. For, per roll.....\$7.50

25,000 yards sample embroideries, advance 1906 styles

Edges, insertions, bandings, all-overs—each in cambric, Swiss and nainsook—single patterns and complete matched sets

Sale savings will average close to half usual prices

We've had this line of sample embroideries for several years—and each sale has caused a notable sensation. The offering is better than ever this year, as sale prices are practically the same as last year—with the market generally about 30 per cent higher.

First Floor Bargain Tables.

Lot of 8,000 yards
bandings and insertions
Five lots

These are the finest of designs, in Blind, Anglaise, and combination effects.

LOT 1
Worth 25c to 29c yd.....15c

LOT 2
Worth 35c a yd.....19c

LOT 3
Worth 40c to 50c yd.....25c

LOT 4
Worth 55c to \$1 yd.....45c

LOT 5
Worth \$1 to \$2 a yd.....85c

All-overs, 75c yard
Worth \$1 to \$2 a yard

Choice of thirty-one different patterns, all in Anglaise effects; Swiss grounds, 22 inches wide, and a wonderful collection of exclusive designs.

All-overs, 55c yard
Worth 75c to \$1 a yard

There are thirty-eight different patterns in baby and anglaise effects—cambric, Swiss and nainsook in this lot. All 22 inches wide.

18 in. Embroideries,
25c yard

Worth 35c to 50c

Forty different patterns in exquisite designs designed especially for the making of corset covers and children's dresses. While they last, choice, 25c.

Matched sets edges and insertions in Swiss and nainsook, some in cambric

These are the very best grades.

LOT 1
Worth 15c and 20c a yard, at.....12½c

LOT 2
Worth 25c and 29c a yard, at.....16c

LOT 3
Worth 35c to 40c a yard, at.....19c

LOT 4
Worth 50c a yard, at.....25c

LOT 5
Worth 60c to 75c a yard, at.....35c

Lace curtains

200 pairs White Nottingham Lace Curtains, full 3½ yards long; Madras center, deep border of tambour effect. Reduced from \$2.25 to a pair.....\$1.98

Lining opportunity

It has been a long time since we had a lot of linings like these to present at such a price:

20c mercerized saten

12½c yard

Fine soft finish and guaranteed fast black. 25 pieces only.

25c and 35c Mousseline de soie

12½c a yard

Half and less than half usual price to quickly close out a lot of plain and dotted Mousseline that has been mused and rumpled in stock.

These are no second—but first-grade goods that we have sold right along at 25c and 35c.

A wide range of colors to start the sale—none will last long.

Kimonos and Sacques
at 69c

Worth \$1 to \$1.50

Worth in this instance means the price you would be asked under ordinary circumstances. At this price are Daisy Cloth Dressing Sacques, in plain colors and Flare-down Sacques and Kimonos. All nicely made—some trimmed. Sizes 34 to 44, at \$1.00.

Starting the new year with

Waist bargains

We shall keep up such bargains through the entire year, too.

50 dozen White Persian Lawn Waists in entirely new effects; round lace yoke and attached collar; others trimmed with broad handsome Swiss inserting; finished with fine tucks; new deep cuffs. All sizes. Worth \$1.50, for.....\$1.00

New White French Mull and Persian Lawn Waists, with three handsome imported panels and cluster tucking; another style trimmed with handsome Italian Val, inserting in yoke effect, lace cuffs. All sizes. Worth \$3.50, for.....\$2.00

Black, Colored, White dress goods that are greatly reduced

Just the chance you have probably been looking for to buy the material for a new dress. These reductions come just in time:

Black	Colors
38-inch All-wool Black Batist, reduced to a yard.....39c	54-inch Thibet Cloth, reduced from \$1.49 a yd. to.....98c
35-inch All-wool Black Albacross, reduced to a yard.....39c	44-inch Shower-proof Suitings, reduced from 98c to.....49c
54-inch Lupins' Black Cheviot, worth \$1.75 yd. for.....\$1.49	36-inch All-wool Suitings, reduced from 98c a yd. to.....29c
42-inch Priestley's Black Silk-warp Henrietta, worth \$1.25 a yard for.....\$1.25	36-inch All-wool Albacross or Nun's Velling, a yard.....39c
50-inch Black Pannet Cheviot—Lupins' make. Reduced from \$1.49 a yard to.....\$1.25	50-inch All-wool Cream Broadcloth, reduced from \$1.49 a yard to.....\$1.49
	38-inch All-wool Cream Serge, reduced from 59c a yd. to.....49c

First floor—D st. Annex.

Look for your size in this Reduced ribbed underwear

The "broken" sizes in Ribbed Underwear will go out Tuesday at these very largely reduced prices. In the lot will be found garments for both women and children.

Women's Jersey-fitting Ribbed Undersuits, French buttons, "seconds" of the 19c grade for.....19c	Women's Fleece Ribbed Vests and Drawers, French hand drawers, "seconds" of the 39c grade for.....39c	Women's Plain Natural Wool Vests and Pants, sizes 32 to 44. Reduced from 69c to.....69c
Women's Fast Black Union Suits, Jersey-fitting; "Onella" make; all sizes. Reduced from \$1 to.....39c	Women's Swiss and Richelle Ribbed Vests, short sleeves, high neck, unshrinkable merino in white, natural, and black. Reduced from 75c and \$1.39 to.....39c	Children's Jersey-fitting Union Suits, white, fleeced ribbed; sizes 3 to 10 years. Reduced from 25c to.....25c
Women's Fast Black Merino Union Suits, Jersey-fitting; choice of two styles. Reduced from \$1.25 and 75c to.....75c	Women's Plain Wool Corset Covers, woven to shape; French cut; slightly soiled. Reduced from \$1.00 to 50c to.....35c	Children's Jersey-fitting Union Suits, white, fleeced ribbed; sizes 3 to 10 years. Reduced from 25c to.....25c
Women's Jersey-fitting Corset Covers, woven to shape; French cut; slightly soiled. Reduced from \$1.00 to 50c to.....35c	Women's Plain Wool Corset Covers, woven to shape; French cut; slightly soiled. Reduced from \$1.00 to 50c to.....35c	Children's Fine Grade Winter Union Suits; black, white and gray. Reduced from \$1.50 and \$1.25 to.....50c

First Floor.

Hosiery reductions

Take advantage of this Hosiery Bargain Sale. One can't have too many of these useful furnishings.

15c pair	79c pair	11c pair
Women's full, regular made cotton Hose; double heels and toes. Regular 25c value.	Women's Pure Silk Hose in fast black—all sizes. A special offer on these regular \$1.50 Hose.	Children's 1 by 1 Ribbed double knees, heels and toes. Full regular made feet. Sizes 7, 7½, 8, 8½, 9, and 9½. Values up to 25c.
Special lot women's full, regular made, black cotton Hose in different weights. Spliced heels and toes. Regular 35c value.		